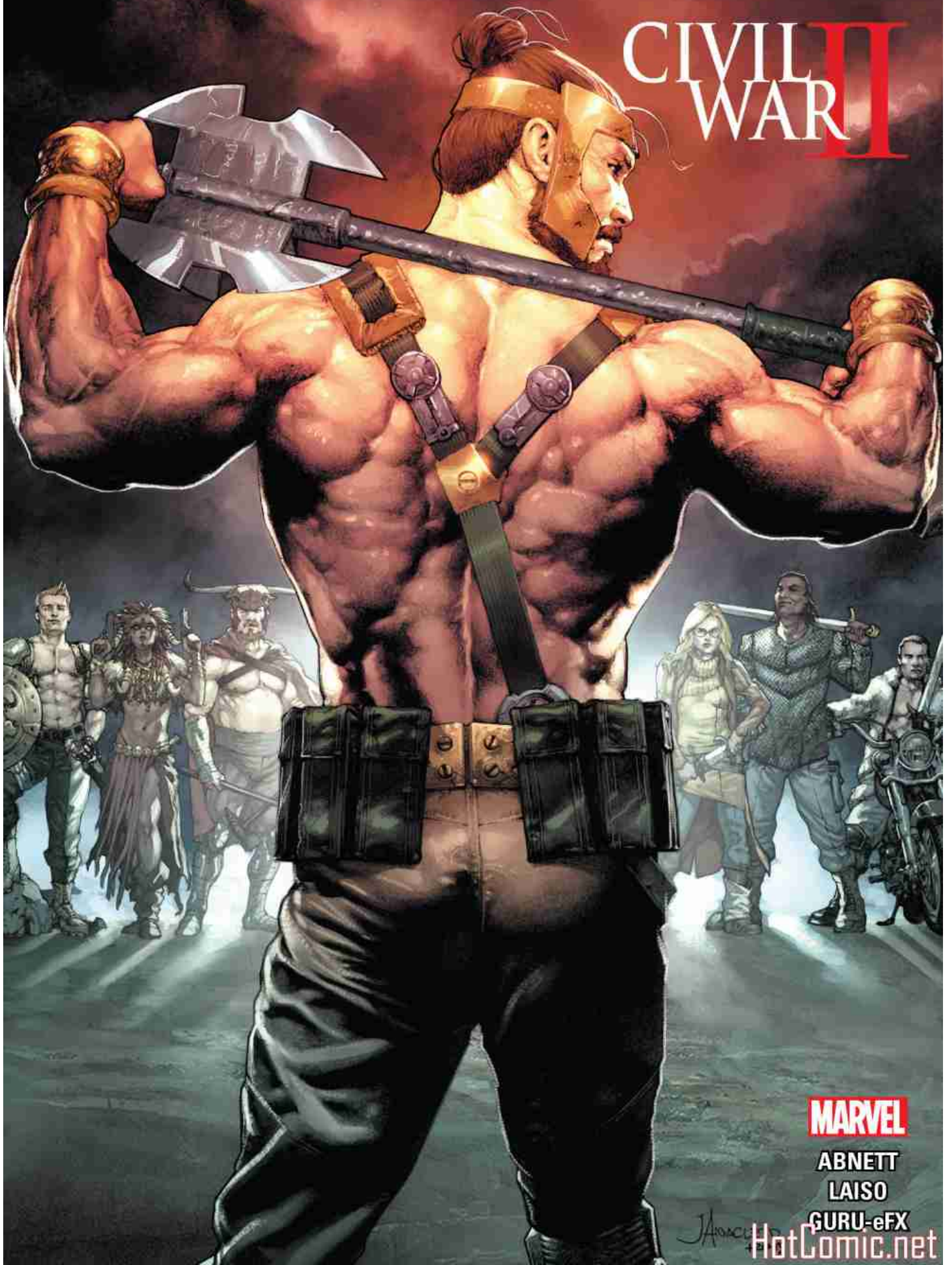


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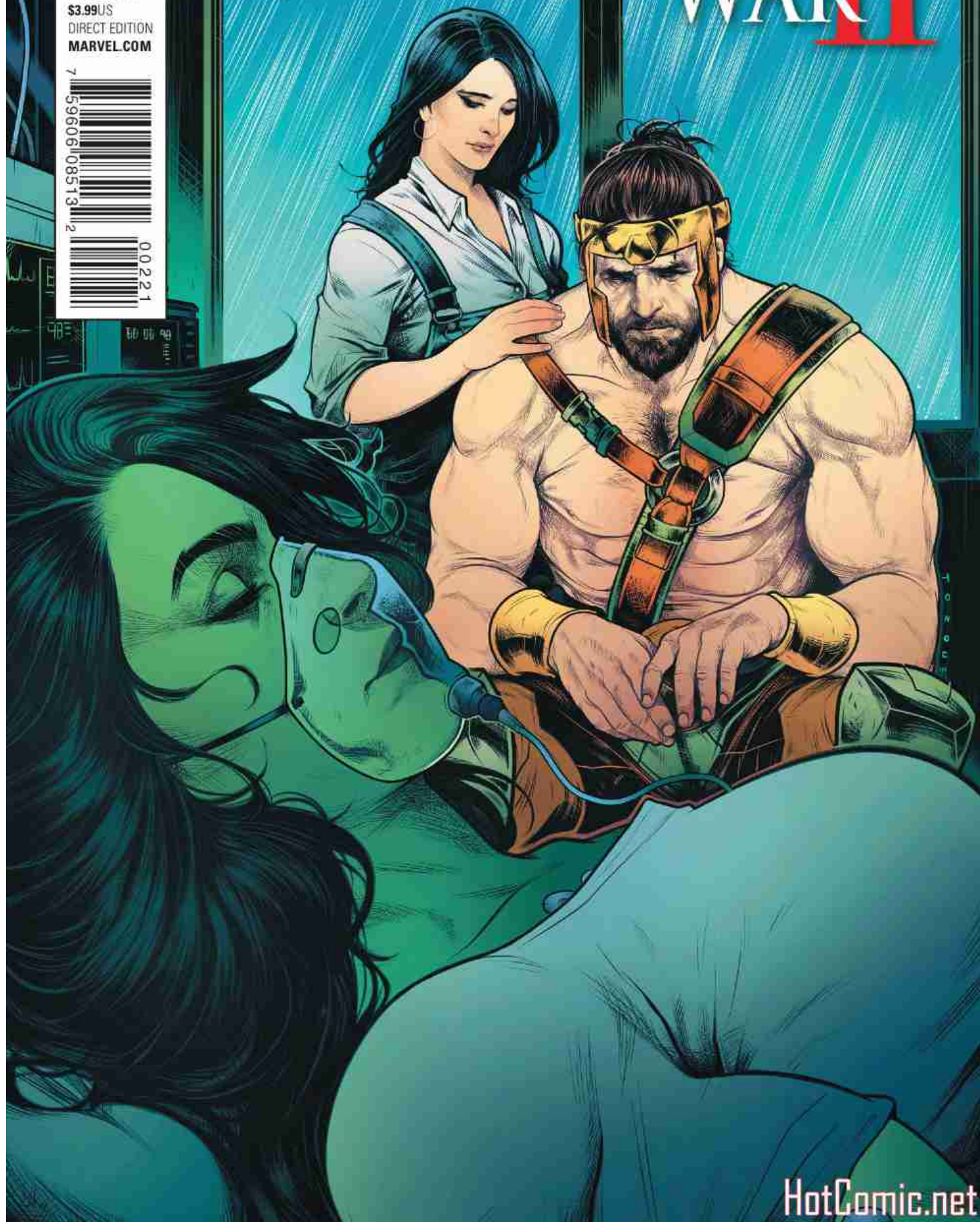
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HERCULES WAS ONCE THE GREATEST HERO OF ALL. BUT THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO, AND IN THE MODERN WORLD, IMMORTAL HERCULES HAS DONE LITTLE BUT ENJOY HIS CELEBRITY. REALIZING HE WAS BECOMING A JOKE AND A SCANDALOUS LIABILITY, HERCULES HAS WORKED HARD TO RESTORE HIS REPUTATION.

BUT A NEW THREAT HAS EMERGED: THE UPRISING STORM, A PANTHEON OF NEW GODS BORN FROM THE MODERN AGE, HELL-BENT ON ANNIHILATING THEIR ANCIENT COUNTERPARTS.

WITH A CIVIL WAR RAGING AMONG THE MODERN HEROES OF THE WORLD, HERCULES HAS BEEN FORCED TO TURN TO THE LAST REMAINING HEROES OF OLD--IMMORTAL FRIENDS AND ALLIES WHO HAVE FOUGHT AT HIS SIDE IN AGES PAST. HE IS BUILDING AN ELITE STRIKE FORCE--THE GODS OF WAR--TO TAKE THE FIGHT TO THE UPRISING STORM...



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HEED ME,
CCHONIAN
BEAST!

BROOORRR
GGH
HH!

FELL
SERPENT! THY
RAMPAGE MUST END!
MIDGARD WILL SUFFER
NO MORE OF THY
WRATH!

WE KNOW *NOT*
WHAT DISTURBED
THINE ANCIENT SLUMBER,
BUT THY RAGE MUST
BE *STILLED* ONCE
MORE!



SO SAY
LORELEI AND
THE VALIANT
SIGURD!



THE **STORM**
HAS ROUSED
ME FROM MY
ETERNAL SLEEP,
ASGARDIANS!

STORM?
WHAT **STORM**?

THE **UPRISING**
STORM!

THE WRETCHED
PANTHEON OF FALSE
NEW GODS COME TO
EXTERMINATE AND
REPLACE ALL
CREATURES OF
THE OLD DAYS!



WHAT IS IT
THE SERPENT
SPEAKS OF?

NO CLUE,
BUT--

BYZZZZZ
BYZZZZZ

DAMN.
HANG ON...



...SIGURD.
WHO SPEAKS?

HERCULES?

WELL,
A **LITTLE**
BUSY RIGHT
NOW--

WE'LL
JUST BE ONE
MOMENT.

NO
RUSH.





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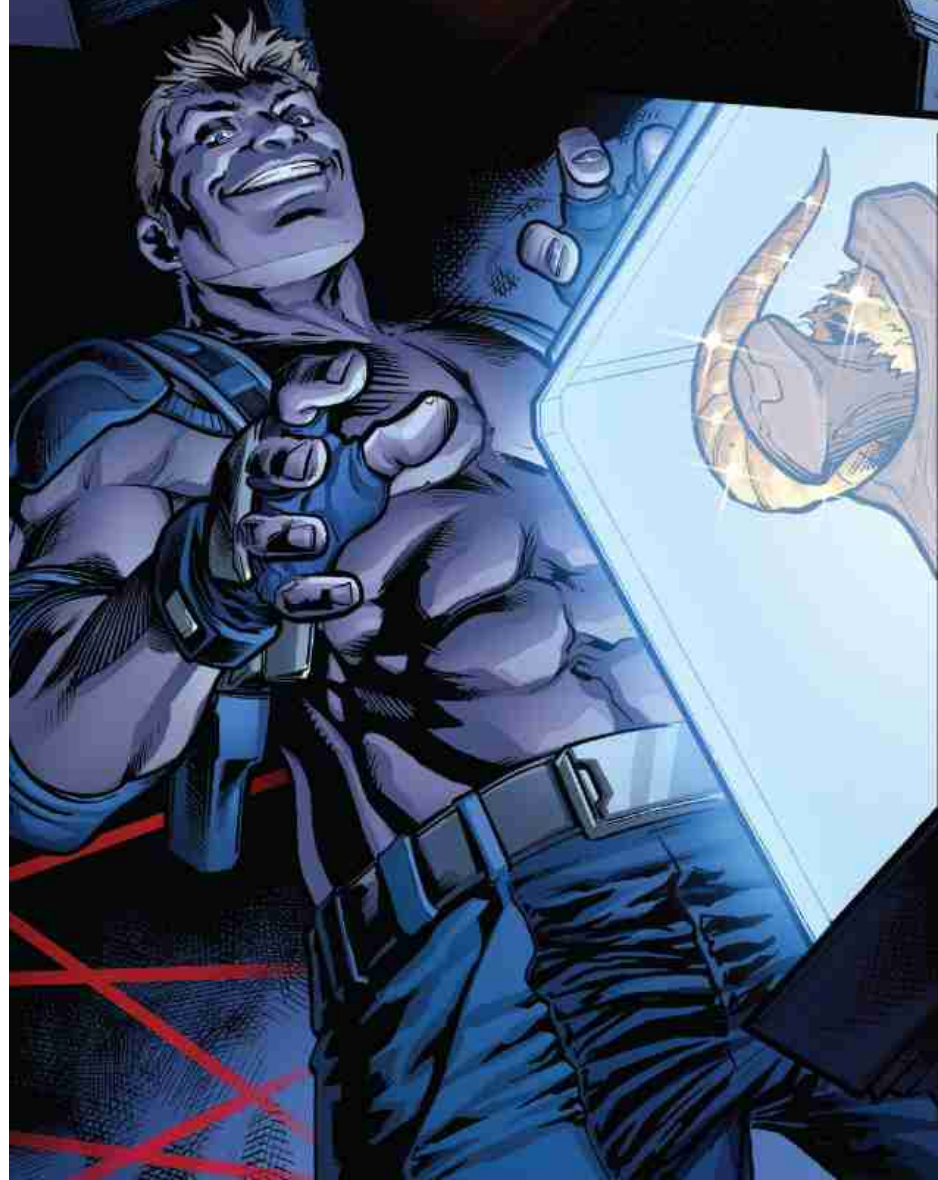
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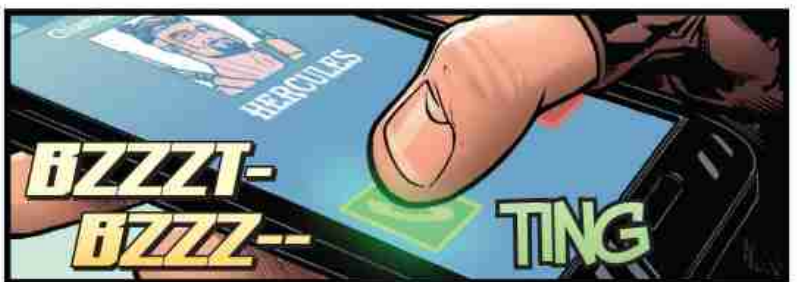
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WEST COAST OF IRELAND.



**ASTORIA PARK,
QUEENS. NOW.**

WELCOME!
WELCOME, MY
FRIENDS...

...MY
GODS OF
WAR!

WELCOME TO
THE GREATEST
CITY ON
EARTH!

I HAVE
SUMMONED
YOU FOR AN
IMMORTAL
LABOR.

WE FACE
TOXIC NEW GODS
THAT MUST BE ENDED
BEFORE THEY SWEEP
AWAY THE LAST
TRACES OF OUR
HERITAGE!

THESE
THREE HEROES
HAVE BEEN MY
ALLIES THUS
FAR--

GILGAMESH OF
SUMER, TIRESIAS
THE SEER AND IRE
OF THE AGE
OF STONE.

CUT TO
THE CHASE,
HERAK. WHAT'S
THIS BUSINESS
ABOUT?



THAT IS
THESEUS?

OF THE
LABYRINTH?
SLAYER OF THE
MINOTAUR?

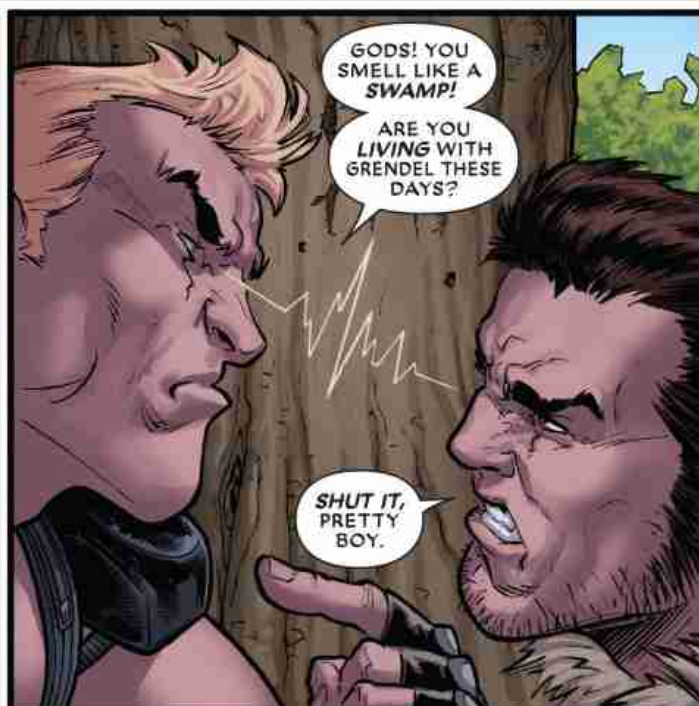
YUP.

UNFORTUNATELY.

ARROGANT,
OBNOXIOUS
OAF.

CHARMING
EVERYTHING
ON THE PLANET
OUT OF THEIR
WINGED SANDALS
AND INTO HIS
BED.







ONE OF THEM--
CRYPTOMNESIA--
BRANDED ME. IT IS
A CURSE, OF SORTS.

ITS AIM IS
TO POLLUTE MY MIND
AND MAKE ME INTO ONE OF
THEM. A GOD OF CHAOS.

THIS IS A
FATE I INTEND
TO REJECT.

BUT I
WANTED YOU
TO KNOW. FULL
DISCLOSURE.



UGGH! I HOPE
THAT'S NOT
CATCHING.

WE MUST
STOP THEM,
FRIENDS, BEFORE
THEY CONQUER
THIS WORLD AND
MOLD IT TO
THEIR WILL.

AND THE
GOLDEN AGE
OF MYTH WILL
BE ENDED.



I FINK
I'LL GIVE
THIS ONE
A MISS.

I ONLY
WORKS WIV
A CREW I CAN
TRUST.

STICK WITH
US, 'WULFIE.
THINK OF IT AS
A CLASSICAL
EDUCATION.

YOU MAY
LEARN A TRICK OR
TWO FROM THOSE
OF US WHO HAVE
ENJOYED MORE
ILLUSTRIOUS
CAREERS.



I'VE HAD
ENOUGH O'
YOUR BULL.

YOU KNOW,
THAT'S EXACTLY
WHAT I SAID TO
KING MINOS.



WE SHOULD ACT
QUICKLY, HERCULES.
PROACTIVELY.

FIND THE
STORM AND
STRIKE THEM
DOWN BEFORE
THEY MOVE
AGAIN.

NO
NEED...

















NOT UP
TO MUCH ARE
THEY, YOUR
"GODS OF
WAR"?

WE'RE
GETTING OUR
EYE IN!

MY FRIENDS
OUTNUMBER
AND OUTCLA--

FRIENDS?
WHAT DO YOU
KNOW ABOUT
FRIENDS?



DID YOUR FRIENDS
TELL YOU? YOUR
FRIENDS, THE
AVENGERS?

THERE'S A WAR
RAGING! A CIVIL
WAR BETWEEN
HEROES!



UHHN!
NO, YOU
L-LIE--

THEY
DON'T WANT
YOU INVOLVED!
THEY DON'T
TRUST YOU!
THEY DESPISE
YOU!

BECAUSE
YOU'RE AN
IRRELEVANT
THROWBACK,
AND THERE'S NO
PLACE FOR YOU
IN THE MODERN
WORLD...

...EXCEPT
THE ONE WE
OFFER YOU!

LET OUR
REBRANDING
WORK FOR
YOU!

**YOU
LIEEE!**



AAAAAHHHHHHH!

THAT'S IT, HERC! LET IT OUT. LET IT ALL OUT!

STOP PRETENDING YOU'VE LEARNED TO BE CIVILIZED. IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD, BRO...

THRRUMNNCSHHHHH



"...EXACTLY
YOUR KIND
OF PARTY!"

GRRRAAGHHHHH!



HERCULES!
STOP THIS!

HERAK!
CALM DOWN!

YOU
MUST NOT--
OWWWW!



OKAY, I THINK
HERCULES JUST
BROKE.

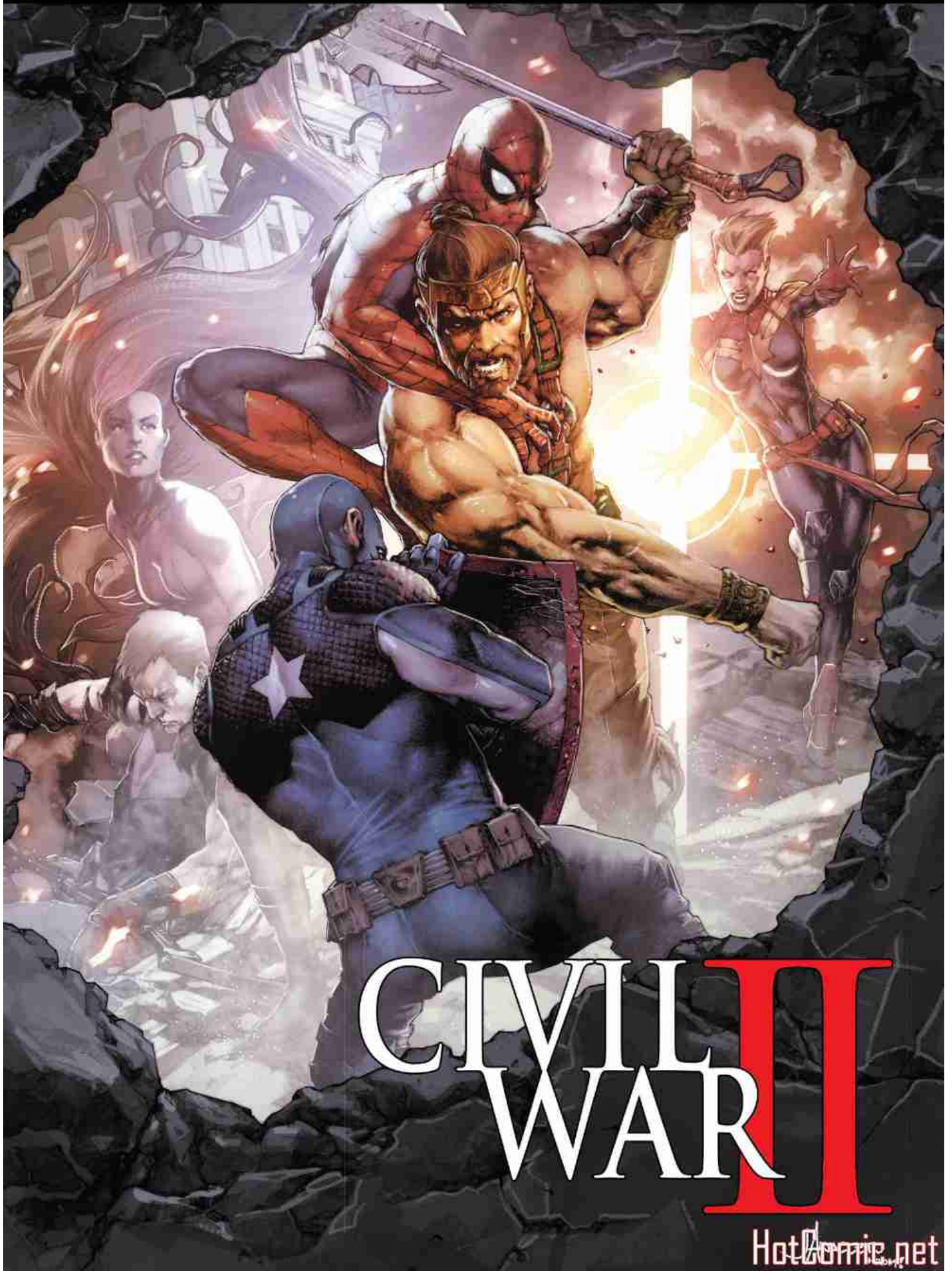
LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN, I
GIVE YOU--



--OUR
GOD OF
CHAOS.

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